

Family Fishing Waters in the Upper Snake Region

The Upper Snake Region has some of the world's best-known trout fisheries. The productive streams and cool water temperatures create excellent growing conditions for trout. The elevation of the region and those cool temperatures, however, limit the production of warmwater fish, such as bass, bluegill, and crappies. For this reason, the Family Fishing Waters in the region are generally oriented toward trout. A total of 10 areas have been designated Family Fishing Waters in the Upper Snake Region. Below are brief descriptions of each area including how to get there, approximate driving time from Idaho Falls, and the type of fish that can be caught.

1. Ashton Reservoir

General Information: Ashton Reservoir is a 400-acre reservoir on the Henrys Fork. It can be fished from the fishing dock at the access site, the shoreline, or from a boat. It is stocked with catchable rainbow trout and also supports naturally reproducing populations of brown trout. **Getting There:** Travel north on highway 20, past the town of Ashton. Immediately after crossing the Henry's Fork, turn left and travel about ½ mile to the Ashton Reservoir access site. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1 hour.*



2. Birch Creek

General Information: Stocked heavily with rainbow trout around access areas. Wild brook trout are also fairly common. **Getting There:** From Idaho Falls, travel north on I-15 to Sage Junction. Travel West on highway 33 past Mud Lake to highway 28. Travel north on highway 28 (toward Salmon, ID). Birch Creek flows parallel to the highway. There is a developed BLM campground with good stream access. There is also an IDFG camping and access area. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours*



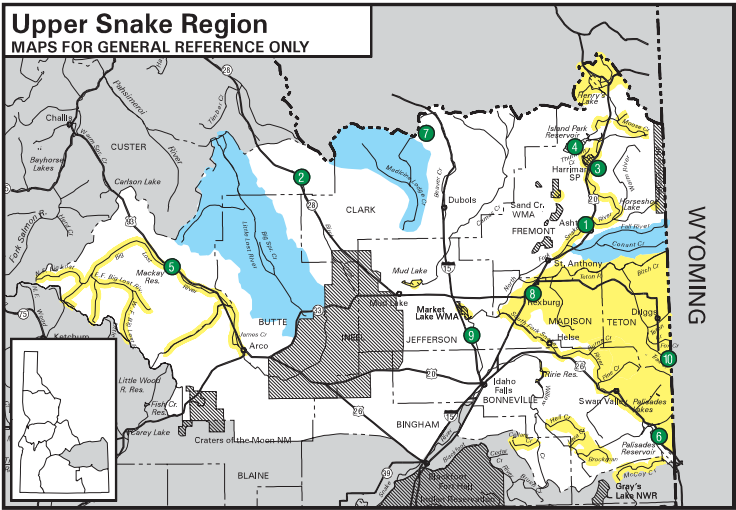
3. East Harriman Fish Pond

General Information: East Harriman Fish Pond is ideal for vacationers in the Island Park area who are interested in a simple fishing trip. It is stocked with trout. **Getting There:** East Harriman Fish Pond is located on Highway 47 (Mesa Falls Scenic Highway) about 2 miles south of the junction with Highway 20. Travel north on Highway 20 past the Osborne Bridge, near Harriman State Park. Turn right on Highway 47 (Mesa Falls Scenic Highway) and travel south to the sign. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours.*



4. Island Park Reservoir

General Information: Island Park is a very large reservoir on the Henrys Fork. It is stocked with rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and kokanee. Fishing is best from a boat in the summer, but bank fishing can be very productive in the fall and spring. Ice fishing near the dam can be productive for large kokanee and rainbow trout. **Getting There:** The reservoir is northwest of the Buffalo River off of Highway 20. There are several developed campgrounds and boat launches in the area. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours.*



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These symbols indicate fish species known to be present in these waters:

Complex block containing fish icons and labels: Perch, Rainbow Trout, Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Bullhead Catfish, and Sunfish.

5. Mackay Reservoir

General Information: Stocked with rainbow trout. Wild rainbow trout, brook trout and kokanee are also common. Mackay Reservoir can be fished from the shoreline, but a boat or float tube increases success. **Getting There:** On highway 93, travel north from Mackay about 5 miles to Mackay Reservoir. Several access areas are clearly marked. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours.*



6. Palisades Reservoir

General Information: Palisades Reservoir is popular as a boating area as well as a fishery. It is stocked with cutthroat trout, which provide most of the fishery, but also supports a brown trout and lake trout fishery. Palisades is best when fished from a boat. Catch rates are best in spring and during the winter ice-fishery. **Getting There:** From Idaho Falls, travel southeast on highway 26 toward Wyoming. There are several developed access points in Idaho including boat launches, picnic areas and campgrounds. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1 hour.*



7. Paul Reservoir

General Information: Paul Reservoir is a small reservoir that can either be fished from the shore or with a small boat or float tube. There are no developed restrooms, picnic or camping facilities. Paul Reservoir is stocked with cutthroat trout. **Getting There:** Travel north on I-15. Just south of Monida, take the Humphrey Exit. The road parallels the interstate before it crosses underneath and runs up Modoc Creek. A sign for Paul Reservoir marks the turn off of the main Modoc Creek Road. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours.*



8. Rexburg City Ponds

General Information: There are two adjoining ponds that can be fished easily from the shoreline. The smaller pond is generally reserved for children. These ponds are stocked regularly with rainbow trout and also have yellow perch. **Getting There:** Rexburg City Ponds are located adjacent to the fairgrounds and the Rexburg Airstrip. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: ½ hour*



Table with 6 columns: Water, Boat Ramp, Fishing Docks, Toilets, Picnic Tables, Camping. Rows include Ashton Reservoir, Birch Creek, Island Park Reservoir, Mackay Reservoir, Palisades Reservoir, Rexburg Pond, Roberts Gravel Pond, and Trail Creek Pond.



9. Roberts Gravel Pond

General Information: Roberts Gravel Pond is stocked regularly with rainbow trout. In addition, there are numerous yellow perch. Roberts Gravel Pond can easily be fished from the shore, although a boat or float tube can be beneficial. *Note: Because of the size of Roberts Gravel Pond, only electric motors are allowed.* **Getting There:** Roberts Gravel Pond is located adjacent to Interstate 15, about 1 mile south of the town of Roberts, or 15 miles north of Idaho Falls. To access the pond, exit the interstate at Roberts and go through town to the stop sign. Turn right on Bassett Road and travel south about 1½ miles. A "Sportsman's Access" sign marks the turn to Roberts Gravel Pond. *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 20 minutes*



10. Trail Creek Pond (Victor Kid's Pond)

General Information: Trail Creek Pond is stocked regularly with rainbow trout. Trail Creek Pond is about 2 acres, and can be easily fished from the bank. **Getting There:** Trail Creek Pond is about two miles southeast of Victor on Highway 33 (heading toward Jackson). *Travel time from Idaho Falls: 1½ hours*

